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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI'S REMARKS TO TORONTO  
POLONIA CONGRESS, MAY 27

1. HERE IS THE TEXT OF REMARKS THE HIRC CHAIRMAN PLANNED  
TO MAKE ON MAY 27 AT THE "CONFERENCE ON POLONIA 78--  
POLONIA OF TOMORROW." ALTHOUGH THE CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE  
COULD NOT CONFIRM IT DEFINITELY, THEY BELIEVE THE SPEECH  
WAS DELIVERED ESSENTIALLY AS IT APPEARS HERE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR EMINENCE, CARDINAL KROL, FELLOW  
PARTICIPANTS AND FRIENDS,

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLONIA  
78 - POLONIA OF TOMORROW CONFERENCE. AS AN AMERICAN  
DEEPLY PROUD OF MY POLISH DESCENT, IT IS MOST GRATIFYING  
TO SEE SO MANY REPRESENTATIVES OF POLISH DESCENDANTS FROM  
PRACTICALLY ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE FREE WORLD.

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THE POLISH PEOPLE HAVE MADE NUMEROUS AND INVALUABLE CON-  
TRIBUTIONS TO MANKIND DOWN THROUGH THE AGES.

POLES HAVE MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO EVERY FIELD OF  
HUMAN ENDEAVOR. SOME ARE:

--MIKOLAJ KOPERNIK IN THE FIELD OF ASTRONOMY AND SCIENCE;

--HENRYK SIENKIEWICZ AND ADAM MICKIEWICZ IN THE FIELDS OF  
LITERATURE AND POETRY;

--PAWEL WLODKOWIC IN THE FIELD OF DEMOCRATIC THOUGHT AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE 15TH C. WHICH BECAME THE BASIS OF THE POLISH CONSTITUTION OF 1791;

--LEOPOLD STOKOWSKI, FREDERICK CHOPIN, IGNACY PADREWSKI, AND HELEN MODJESKA IN THE FIELDS OF MUSIC AND THE FINE ARTS;

--CASIMIR PULASKI AND THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO IN THE FIELDS OF MILITARY AND POLITICAL STATESMANSHIP;

--HENRY KALUSSOWSKI IN THE FIELD OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL THOUGHT DURING THE 19TH C. AND A FOUNDER OF THE POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE;

--FLORIAN ZNANIECKI IN THE FIELD OF SOCIOLOGY IN THE EARLY 20TH C.;

--MARIE SKLODOWSKA-CURIE IN THE FIELD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY BY HER DISCOVERY OF RADIUM AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS CENTURY;  
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--CASIMIR GZOWSKI, A POLISH CANADIAN, IN THE FIELDS OF CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING WHO, IN THE 19TH C. CONTRIBUTED TO THE BUILDING OF THE CANADIAN RAILWAY; AND

--STEFAN STYKOLT, ANOTHER POLISH CANADIAN, WHO IN THE 20TH C. MADE NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT AND THEORY.

THESE ARE BUT A FEW OF MANY FAMOUS POLES WHO HAVE FOSTERED THE GREAT POLISH HERITAGE. THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN WESTERN CIVILIZATION AND THE WELFARE OF MANKIND.

ALL OF US HAVE RETAINED OUR CHERISHED POLISH CUSTOMS AND CULTURE WHICH, I AS A FELLOW POLE, AM VERY PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH. LIKE YOU, I AM DEEPLY COMMITTED TOWARD PRESERVING OUR POLISH HERITAGE AND EXTENDING THE PRINCIPLES OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

IN POLAND TODAY.

THIS GREAT, POLISH HERITAGE OF THE PAST CONTINUES IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF POLISH PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. THE RESPECT FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND IDEALS, SO MUCH A PART OF THIS HERITAGE, WAS AGAIN COMMEMORATED EARLIER THIS MONTH ON MAY 3, WHEN WE CELEBRATED THE 187TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLISH CONSTITUTION. IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT THIS

DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT, THIS VIGOROUS PURSUIT OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH IS EMBODIED IN THE 1791 CONSTITUTION, WHICH THE POLISH PEOPLE HAVE STRIVED FOR AND SUPPORTED, HAS FOUND NEW EMPHASIS IN THE PRESENT POLICIES OF PRESIDENT CARTER ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND U.S.-POLISH RELATIONS.

DURING PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO POLAND LAST YEAR, HE TOOK PARTICULAR NOTE OF THE POLISH CONSTITUTION AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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PRINCIPLES IT REPRESENTS. DESPITE THE LONG RECORDED HISTORY OF THESE PRINCIPLES AND EXPRESSIONS OF MAN'S BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AS EXEMPLIFIED IN THE POLISH CONSTITUTION 187 YEARS AGO, WE STILL FIND THE DENIAL OF HUMAN FREEDOM SO PREVALENT IN THE WORLD TODAY THAT WE MUST PUBLICLY ESTABLISH AND PURSUE THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS A SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL POLICY.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT ON AUGUST 1, 1975, 35 NATIONS, INCLUDING POLAND AND THE SOVIET UNION, SIGNED THE HELSINKI ACCORDS GUARANTEEING FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOM TO ALL WITHOUT DISTINCTION, INCLUDING FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE, AND RELIGION. THESE PRINCIPLES ARE LONG ESTABLISHED AND HAVE BEEN THE BASIS FOR EVERY FORMAL EXPRESSION OF MAN'S DESIRE TO BE FREE FROM OPPRESSION AND BE ABLE TO EXERCISE HIS GOD-GIVEN FREEDOM OF CHOICE.

THESE PRINCIPLES, WHICH RECOGNIZE THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, WERE THE VERY FOUNDATION OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION IN 1789 AND TWO YEARS LATER, OF THE POLISH CONSTITUTION OF 1791. AT FIRST GLANCE, IT SEEMS REMARKABLE THAT TWO NATIONS SO DIVERSE IN THEIR HISTORY, CULTURE, LANGUAGE, AND HERITAGE COULD ARRIVE AT SO SIMILAR A GOAL ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY. YET IT IS NOT REALLY SO REMARKABLE WHEN WE RECOGNIZE THAT BOTH DOCUMENTS ARE EXPRESSIONS OF MANKIND'S INEVITABLE DESTINY TO BE FREE.

THE AGREEMENT AT HELSINKI, LIKE OTHER INTERNATIONAL DECLARATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES, INCLUDING THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, COULD BECOME JUST ANOTHER HISTORIC

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DOCUMENT WITHOUT PRACTICAL EFFECT. PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE U.S. CONGRESS, HOWEVER, HAVE LET THE WORLD KNOW THAT THE U.S. WILL LEND ITS STRONG MORAL SUPPORT TO THE CAUSE

OF FREEDOM EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD. AS A POLISH AMERICAN CONCERNED ABOUT THE REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND POLAND, I HAVE SPONSORED, WITH SEVERAL OF MY COLLEAGUES, HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 624, URGING THE PRESIDENT TO CONTINUE TO EXPRESS U.S. OPPOSITION TO THE IMPRISONMENT OF MEMBERS OF SOVIET GROUPS MONITORING SOVIET COMPLIANCE OF THE HELSINKI ACCORD.

IN A SIMILAR MANNER, INTERNATIONAL FORUMS SUCH AS THIS CONFERENCE, CAN SERVE AS A REDEDICATION BY POLISH DESCENDANTS FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD TO THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS WORLDWIDE AND IN POLAND TODAY.

IN POLAND, AS WELL AS IN OTHER NATIONS UNDER SOVIET DOMINATION, COURAGEOUS CHAMPIONS OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON PERSONAL FREEDOM AT GREAT RISK TO THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

IN THIS RESPECT, IT WOULD SEEM, THESE EFFORTS IN POLAND HAVE PROVEN HELPFUL AND POSITIVE FOR THE POLISH PEOPLE. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME SIGNS OF RELAXATION, ALBEIT TENTATIVE AND MODEST, BY THE PRESENT POLISH REGIME. FOR INSTANCE:

--LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME, 10 POLISH WORKERS WERE FREED FROM PRISON AFTER SERVING LESS THAN ONE YEAR OF AN EIGHT YEAR SENTENCE;

--DESPITE RECENT REPRESSIVE AND ILLEGAL DETENTION AGAINST THOSE LECTURING FOR THE "FLYING UNIVERSITY," THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS RECENTLY ADVISED THAT MOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCHEDULED LECTURES WERE RESUMED. OTHER DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS CONTINUE WITH SOME DEGREE OF TOLERANCE BY THE REGIME.

--LAST MONTH AT THE POLISH WRITERS UNION CONGRESS HELD IN KATOWICE, FOUR DISSIDENTS WERE ELECTED TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CONGRESS;

--TOTAL TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND POLAND HAS DOUBLED OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS; AND

--CONTINUED GROWTH OF CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS SPONSORED UNDER GOVERNMENT AUSPICES AND PRIVATE SUCH AS THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION.

AS I STATED, THESE ARE POSITIVE, ALTHOUGH MODEST, DEVEL-

OPMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE INTEGRITY AND FREEDOM OF THE POLISH PEOPLE. IT IS A REFLECTION THAT WE POLES LIVING IN THE WESTERN WORLD CAN BEST HELP OUR BRETHREN IN POLAND NOT BY ISOLATING OURSELVES FROM POLAND TODAY BUT RATHER BY WIDENING CONTACTS OF ALL TYPES WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE.

IN THIS RESPECT, U.S. AND PRIVATE EFFORTS TO CULTIVATE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FREEDOMS THROUGH CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES AND INCREASED TRADE ENHANCE THE EFFORTS TOWARD RELAXATION OF CONTROLS BY EXEMPLIFYING U.S. INTEREST IN THE EVERYDAY LIVES OF THE POLISH PEOPLE.

SUCH EXCHANGES CONTRIBUTE IN A SIGNIFICANT FASHION TOWARDS ENDING THE ISOLATION OF THE POLISH PEOPLE AND PROVIDE A CLEAR MECHANISM TO ASSIST THE PEOPLE OF POLAND REGARDLESS OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEM IMPOSED ON THEM AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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THE PRESENT TIME.

LET THERE BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING; TALKING TO AND TRADING WITH THE PRESENT POLISH REGIME DOES NOT IN ANY WAY CONSTITUTE AN ENDORSEMENT OF ITS SYSTEM OR IDEOLOGY. IT IS RATHER AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF OUR BRETHREN IN POLAND TODAY, TO MITIGATE AGAINST THE OPPRESSIVE AND ARBITRARY REGIME WHICH HAS IMPOSED ITS WAYS UPON THE POLISH PEOPLE.

CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI HAS BEST EXEMPLIFIED THIS PRINCIPLE BY HIS ACTIONS WITH THE POLISH REGIME ALTHOUGH IN NO WAY ENDORSING ITS PHILOSOPHY OR PRINCIPLES.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR ONE MUST REALIZE IS THAT CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC CONTACTS BETWEEN OURSELVES AND POLAND REINFORCE THE MUTUAL RESPECT FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND IDEALS WHICH HAVE LONG BEEN CONTAINED IN THE RICH HISTORY OF THE POLISH PEOPLE. SUCH CONTACTS SHOULD CONTINUE EVEN WHILE POLAND SUFFERS UNDER SOVIET DOMINATION. A FAILURE TO PURSUE SUCH CONTACTS WOULD NOT LESSEN THIS SOVIET DOMINATION. ACCORDINGLY, I ENCOURAGE ALL OF US HERE TODAY TO BROADEN OUR EFFORTS AND THOSE OF OUR ADOPTED HOMELANDS TOWARDS SEEKING MORE WAYS TO FOSTER A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH POLAND TODAY.

AS WE PURSUE SUCH EFFORTS, WE MUST, HOWEVER, RECOGNIZE THAT IN POLAND TODAY THE DENIAL OF BASIC FREEDOMS IS STILL IN EVIDENCE. WHILE WE SEEK A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP, THEN, WE MUST REALIZE THAT THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE A SUBJECT OF CONTINUED

DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN LEADERS OF OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

THUS, WHILE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN AREAS OF FREEDOM  
OF MOVEMENT AND COMMUNICATION, THERE HAVE BEEN CONTINUED  
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INSTANCES OF DENIAL OF PASSPORTS TO POLISH CITIZENS  
ANXIOUS TO JOIN MEMBERS OF THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES IN  
THE UNITED STATES. LIKEWISE, VISAS HAVE BEEN DENIED  
OTHERS WISHING TO VISIT POLAND TO SEE THEIR RELATIVES.

ALSO OF PARTICULAR CONCERN ARE REPORTS FROM POLAND  
REGARDING THE CONTINUED SUPPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS HOUSES,  
CONVENTS, AND MONASTERIES. DESPITE PREMIER GIEREK'S  
MEETING WITH THE POPE SOME MONTHS AGO, THE POLISH  
GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY CONTINUES TO HARASS RELIGIOUS  
INSTITUTIONS. WITH THREATS OF CLOSURE, HEAVY TAXES  
AND OTHER FORMS OF INTIMIDATION, CHURCHES ALWAYS FACE  
THE PROSPECT OF BEING TURNED INTO PUBLIC MUSEUMS. SUCH  
ACTIVITY IS OBVIOUSLY NOT IN KEEPING WITH, AND INDEED  
OPENLY FLOUTS THE SPIRIT OF THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI.  
YOU CAN BE SURE THAT IF THESE REPORTS CAN BE VERIFIED  
THAT I WILL URGE OUR GOVERNMENT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE  
STEPS AND EXPRESS OFFICIAL CONCERN TO THE POLISH  
GOVERNMENT.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF POLAND, THEREFORE,  
MUST REFLECT BOTH OUR LONG-TERM HOPES FOR A DEMOCRATIC  
POLAND AND A SHORT-TERM PRAGMATISM SUPPORTED BY CULTURAL  
CONTACTS AND TRADE WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE OUR LONG-  
TERM HOPES POSSIBLE.

WE MUST EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AND OUTRAGE WHEN THE PRESENT  
POLISH REGIME PURSUES POLICIES THAT OPPRESS THE POLISH  
PEOPLE. WE SHOULD ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS ONLY THROUGH  
CULTURAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC CONTACTS THAT OUR  
CONCERNS FIND EFFECTIVE ARTICULATION AND FOSTER THE  
MUTUAL RESPECT FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND IDEALS  
THAT WE SHARE WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE.  
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IN SHORT, THIS MIXTURE OF CONCERN AND PURSUANCE OF  
ACTIVITIES THAT MAKE OUR CONCERNS EFFECTIVE SHOULD  
PROVE THE MOST USEFUL WAY OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS  
OF OUR POLISH BRETHREN IN POLAND TODAY AS WE ALL  
CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE FUTURE GOAL OF A DEMOCRATIC  
POLAND.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. END QUOTE. END TEXT. VANCE

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